

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 11 have been examined and rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). By this Amendment, Applicant has added new claims 12-15. No new matter is added.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 873,784 to Reichardt (“Reichardt”)

Claims 1, 2 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Reichardt.

A. Claim 1

Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. For example, claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “...wherein an operating portion of the auxiliary operating member to be operated by the finger is rotatably provided between the left and right side plates of the reel body, wherein the operating portion is formed in a lever shape and is provided at an opposite side of the fishing rod attaching portion with respect to the spool...”

Reichardt fails to teach or suggest at least the feature of the operating portion provided at an opposite side of the fishing rod attaching portion with respect to the spool. For example, the plate 24 of Reichardt, which the Examiner maintains corresponds to the claimed operating portion, is provided on the same side of the of fishing rod attaching portion (*e.g.* unlabeled horizontal element at bottom of Figures 1 and 2) with respect to the rotatable line-receiving member 3. *See* Reichardt at Figures 1-3.

Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference for at least the foregoing reason and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

B. Claims 2 and 11

Since claims 2 and 11 are dependent upon claim 1, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

II. Newly Added Claims

Applicant has added new claims 12-15. Independent claim 12 recites, *inter alia*, “wherein the one-way clutch comprises an outer race surrounding a plurality of rollers held by a retainer.” Applicant submits that Reichardt fails to teach or even suggest at least this feature. For example, Reichardt merely teaches an “arm 21 and its connected parts are held normally in the position shown by the action of a spring 26, so that by pressing down upon the plate 24 against the action of the spring 26, the sector 20 may be moved to turn the gear wheel 19 in one direction, and that by releasing the pressure from the plate 24, the spring 26 will move the sector to normal position to turn the gear wheel 19 in the reverse direction.” The reference fails to teach or suggest the claimed one way clutch comprising “an outer race surrounding a plurality of rollers held by a retainer.” *See* Reichardt at lines 76-85. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 12 is patentable over Reichardt for at least the foregoing reason. Since claims 13 and 14 depend upon claim 12, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. Since claim 15 depends upon claim 1, Applicant submits that it is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

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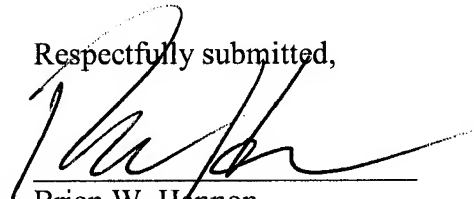
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III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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